

TWO-THIRDS NEEDED IN SENATE ASSURED

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really in a quandary. Some of them are practically certain to oppose the Harding-Hughes treaty, although none of them made any announcement of position to-day. Their silence was significant, and in some quarters was regarded as ominous.

Senator Borah (Idaho), foremost among the treaty irreconcilables in the last Congress, reserved comment, but it is predicted that he will be found vigorously opposing the new agreement after he has had time to prepare his case. Senator Johnson (California), another "bitter ender," is out of the city and his attitude could not be learned.

Senator Moses (New Hampshire), another bitter opponent of the Wilson league, gave the new pact only half-hearted approval. Senator Flanders (Washington), who combines distrust of the Japanese with determined opposition to anything like the Wilson covenant, refused point blank to comment on the four Power treaty. So did Senator Brandegee (Connecticut), another bitter ender on the league. While the former Republican irreconcilables withheld comment for the present, two of the Democrats of the same school were not slow to express their opposition to the Harding treaty.

Reed Denounces Compact.

Senator Reed (Missouri) denounced the compact in no uncertain terms on the ground that it does not give the United States sufficient voice in deciding its future in the Pacific.

Senator Watson (Georgia), who was not a member of the Senate during the anti-league battle, but who was elected on an anti-league platform, declared that the new treaty was barely another way of tying this country up to the objectionable Article X of the League Covenant.

But, all told, the old irreconcilable group, both Democrats and Republicans, cannot defeat the new treaty without the help of the main body of former "mild reservationists," the new Republicans who are "playing ball" with the Harding Administration, and the pro-league Democrats. These latter groups

comprise more than two-thirds of the Senate.

The crucial test of the new treaty in the Senate will come when Senators begin to analyze carefully Articles I. and II. and compare them with Article X of the League Covenant, which reads as follows:

The members of the league undertake to respect and preserve as against external aggression the territorial integrity and existing political independence of all members of the league. In case of any such aggression or in case of any threat or danger of such aggression the council shall advise upon means by which this obligation shall be fulfilled.

Points of difference between this article of the covenant and the new treaty are at once apparent, and in the opinion of the majority of the Republican Senators, relieve the new pact from all of the objections of the league covenant.

Under the new treaty the nations do not undertake to "preserve" the territorial integrity or political independence of themselves or any other nation. What they are to do is to "preserve" the territorial integrity and political independence of themselves or any other nation. What they are to do is to "preserve" the territorial integrity and political independence of themselves or any other nation. What they are to do is to "preserve" the territorial integrity and political independence of themselves or any other nation.

Following is some of the comment from Senators of various political affiliations on the new treaty:

Senator Watson (Indiana), Republican: I am for it. It does not permit any super-government or provide for the use of military force. It only provides that the interested Governments may come together and discuss their insular affairs. It does not bind the United States but merely provides for meetings to discuss a common danger. It applies only to the Pacific islands. It points out what should be done. This involves only the process which is in operation already. The status quo shall be preserved and all those interested must meet and outline a programme before there is any change. It doesn't call for any more than we would do anyhow. It is the beginning of Harding's idea of an association of nations, under which,

whenever a controversy may arise, the nations will be called together in conference to talk it over.

Senator Fletcher (Florida), Democrat: It is a fine piece of work and I expect to support it. I voted for the League of Nations, including Article X, and I regard this in complete harmony with that. I cannot very well go back on that vote. This agreement paves the way for us to grant Philippine independence, because under the terms of this pact its neutrality would be strictly guaranteed and the obstacles which prevented our freeing the Philippines will be removed.

Senator Norbeck (South Dakota), Republican: It's all right. We've got to trust somebody. If the Administration indorses it I shall support it.

Senator Willis (Ohio), Republican: It is a long step forward and not in the direction of a super-government. It gives those who favored the League of Nations all the benefits proposed under that organization without the use of force or the exercise of other objectionable methods. There is no similarity between this treaty and the League of Nations. I will support it with great pleasure and it will be ratified by the Senate.

Senator Borah (Idaho), Republican: It would be hazardous a great deal to undertake to express myself until I have studied the text of the proposed treaty. It is too important a matter to commit one's self on in any way without mature deliberation.

Senator Caraway (Arkansas), Democrat: If I understand it, it is simply a rewriting of the League of Nations, which President Harding once repudiated. But I think it was Shakespeare who said: "A rose by any other name is just as sweet." and Johnson remarked: "Imitation is the sincerest form of flattery." If there is not some radical provision in the text I shall probably support it. It is an obvious attempt to do what every man knows ought to have been done in the first place.

Senator Shields (Tennessee), Democrat: I am in sympathy with any measure that would promote world peace, but am unalterably opposed to the United States departing from its traditional policy of non-interference in the political affairs of other countries and avoiding entangling alliances with other Governments. I reserve my approval or disapproval of the proposed treaty until I have considered whether it violates this policy. If it does I cannot approve it.

Senator King (Utah), Democrat: I think the treaty is most innocuous. It reveals a pleasant and amiable feeling

among the four Powers. It scarcely goes beyond the principle of the Bryan treaties. In the event of strained relations it could scarcely stand the shock that would result. It illustrates the poverty of any international agreement that does not embrace all the principal Powers of the earth and seeks to deny the right of the nations to apply force to bring recalcitrant nations into submission to the moral laws and those international agreements, with their binding obligations.

Senator Weller (Maryland), Republican: It is a very admirable document and will go far toward establishing peace throughout the world. It meets my entire approval and I will vote for it when submitted to the Senate.

Senator Keyes (New Hampshire), Republican: The conference is to be convened for its prompt consideration of this matter. It is a treaty that will be beneficial to all and I sincerely hope that the Senate will make possible a speedy ratification.

Senator Page (Vermont), Republican: I favor the treaty and I have no doubt it will be ratified.

Senator Jones (Washington), Republican: The treaty will be ratified without doubt. I am for it.

Senator Reed (Missouri), Democrat: The treaty provides that if a controversy develops the four Powers shall hold a joint conference to which the whole subject will be referred for consideration and adjustment. This is nothing more or less than a proposition to refer our rights to a tribunal of four in which we have but one voice. Such an arrangement is unpalatable and it will not be ratified by the Senate.

Senator Harrison (Mississippi), Democrat: The treaty is all right as far as it goes. I am very much gratified at the way it follows the principles laid down by the League of Nations. It would be better if it had more of the League of Nations in it.

Senator Moses (New Hampshire), Republican: I welcome any instrument that will safeguard the peace of the world. If this instrument will do that without involving the United States in a series of sanctions it should be equally welcomed by others.

Senator Watson (Georgia), Democrat: Article II is Article X of the League of Nations covenant in different language. I will fight it in the Senate and in my newspaper. I suppose the Administration has enough votes to ratify it. If that is done the same thing that happened to President Wilson will happen to President Harding. The treaty

is nothing in the world but the old quadruple alliance all over again. It will involve the United States in European and Asiatic entanglements and is diametrically opposed to the traditional policy of America. As a matter of constitutional law I hold that neither the President nor the Senate, or both of them together, have the right to form what would virtually be an over-head Government, which would pledge us to interfere in behalf of Great Britain, Japan and France in any future trouble that may arise in international affairs.

Senator Myers (Montana), Democrat: I am very much impressed with the treaty and very much in favor of it. I think it is a long step towards the preservation of the peace of the world—the preservation of the peace of that part of the world of which the American people are apprehensive, although I am not. It will eliminate the necessity of keeping big navies. It will go a long way towards removing all apprehension, being between four nations. I think it is a good beginning for world peace. I am an ardent believer in the League of Nations and

voted for it with and without reservations.

Senator Stanley (Kentucky), Democrat: Mirabile dictu! who would have thought it? Senator Lodge is the proud father of a baby League of Nations. It is not as big or as strong or as whole-some as Wilson's infant, but in all essential particulars it resembles it. Nothing was said or can be said by Lodge or his associates about entangling alliances and about sending our boys to fight for the territorial integrity and political independence of other countries without the consent of Congress. The same provision in the League of Nations that applies to territorial integrity and political independence is in this, a diminutive imitation of a great concert of Powers proposed by Woodrow Wilson.

Senator Ernst (Kentucky), Republican: I heard it read by Senator Lodge, being present at the conference. In my judgment it is as clear and simple as in possibly could be made. Furthermore, I believe it is an agency made along the right lines and will accomplish the purposes for which it was intended.

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CHINESE IN DEADLOCK CONCERNING SHANTUNG

Japanese Insist on Half Control of the Railroad.

Special Despatch to THE NEW YORK HERALD.

New York Herald Bureau, Washington, D. C., Dec. 10. The Japanese and Chinese have reached a deadlock in their "conversations" relative to Shantung. The Japanese profess to have reached the irreducible minimum in their concessions to the Chinese over the Shantung railroad, and China refuses to accept the Japanese position.

This much was demonstrated this afternoon when the Chinese and Japanese in the "conversations" took up the railroad question.

The Japanese are insisting upon a half control of the railroad and are insisting on other conditions relative to property rights in Tsingtao which the Chinese believe untenable.

Unless the Japanese yield it is confidently believed that Secretary Hughes and Arthur Hays Sulzberger will have to be called in as mediators either Monday or Tuesday in an endeavor to smooth out the difficulties.

The Chinese position on Shantung is accentuated by their general restiveness over the decisions that are being made concerning them.

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